Application No. 10/623,297 Amendment dated August 16, 2004 Reply to Office action of July 14, 2004

REMARKS:

Status Of Claims

Claims 1-21 were previously pending. Claims 1 and 3-5 have been amended, claims 2 and 6 have been cancelled, and claim 22 has been added. Thus, claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-16, and 18-22 are currently pending in the application with claims 1, 12, 20, 21 and 22 being independent.

Office Action

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 12-16 and 18-21 are allowable. Applicant would also like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3 and 6 would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 now includes all of the limitations of claim 6, and should therefore now be allowable. Similarly, new claim 22 includes all of the limitations of claim 3, and should therefore also be allowable.

The remaining claims all depend directly from independent claim 1, and are therefore also allowable. In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited.

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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